Amendments to the Claims

This listing of claims will replace all prior

versions of claims in this application:

Listing of Claims

1. (Currently amended) ~~An interactive program~~

~~guide (IPG)~~ A networked television schedule system

comprising:

a distribution facility that provides

television programming;

a first network comprising a database

~~electrically coupled to a first network~~ for storing

television schedule information;

a second network that communicates with the

first network via a global computer network and the

distribution facility via a communications path other than

the global computer network, the second network comprising:

a television tuner ~~electrically coupled~~

~~to a second network, wherein the second network is in~~

~~communication with the first network~~ that receives the

television programming;

a display monitor ~~electrically coupled to~~

~~the second network;~~

a storage device ~~electrically coupled to~~

~~the second network~~ for storing television programs;

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an input device ~~electrically coupled to the second network~~ for receiving user inputs; and

a processor ~~electrically coupled to the second network programmed for~~ configured to:

~~accessing~~ access the database to display a portion of the television schedule information on the display monitor in a guide format and

~~for controlling~~ control the storage device to store a television program selected from the displayed television schedule information and received from the distribution facility.

2. (Currently amended) The [[IPG]] networked television schedule system of claim 1, wherein ~~the first network~~ the global computer network is the Internet.

3. (Currently amended) The [[IPG]] networked television schedule system of claim 1, wherein the second network is a home network.

4. (Canceled)

5. (Currently amended) The [[IPG]] networked television schedule system of claim 2, wherein the database is accessible via a web site.

6. (Currently amended) The [[IPG]] networked television schedule system of claim 1, wherein the storage device is a VCR.

7. (Currently amended) The [[IPG]] networked television schedule system of claim 1, wherein the storage device is a digital storage device.

8. (Currently amended) The [[IPG]] networked television schedule system of claim 1, wherein the selected television program is a future television program.

9. (Currently amended) The [[IPG]] networked television schedule system of claim 1, wherein the selected television program is a current television program.

10. (Currently amended) The [[IPG]] networked television schedule system of claim 1, further comprising means for controlling the television tuner to tune to the selected television program.

11. (Currently amended) The [[IPG]] networked television schedule system of claim 10, wherein the selected television program is a future television program.

12. (Currently amended) The [[IPG]] networked television schedule system of claim 10, wherein the selected television program is a current television program.

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13. (Currently amended) The [[IPG]] networked television schedule system of claim 1, wherein the second network further ~~comprising~~ comprises a second database ~~electrically coupled to the second network and~~ accessible ~~from the IPG~~ by the processor for providing previews of upcoming programs.

14. (Currently amended) The [[IPG]] networked television schedule system of claim 1, wherein the processor is further ~~comprising an icon displayed~~ configured to display an icon on the display monitor for establishing a link to a product database for purchasing a product.

15. (Currently amended) The [[IPG]] networked television schedule system of claim 1 , wherein the processor is further ~~comprising an icon displayed within the IPG~~ configured to display an icon with the displayed television schedule information for establishing a link to a service provider database for information independent of [[the]] a user's program choice.

16. (Currently amended) The [[IPG]] networked television schedule system of claim 15, wherein[[,]] the service provider database includes one or more of news, weather, sports, scores, financial data, and local traffic.

17.   (Currently amended) The [[IPG]] networked television schedule system of claim 1 further comprising a virtual agent for automatically searching the first network and providing pointers to locations in the first network based on preferences of [[the]] a user.

18.   (Currently amended) The [[IPG]] networked television schedule system of claim 17, wherein[[,]] the virtual agent learns from previous user choices for customizing the IPG the displayed television schedule information for each particular user.

19.   (Currently amended) The [[IPG]] networked television schedule system of claim 2, wherein the processor is further comprising configured to establish a link to a chatroom Internet site related to a selected television program.

20.   (Currently amended) The [[IPG]] networked television schedule system of claim 1, wherein the processor is further comprising configured to display a section for providing information about a particular future television program on the display monitor.

21.   (Currently amended) The [[IPG]] networked television schedule system of claim 20, wherein[[,]] the

information about a particular future program includes one or more of a picture, video, and descriptive text.

22.   (Currently amended) The [[IPG]] networked television schedule system of claim 20, wherein[[,]] the section for providing information about a particular future program is interactive in response to [[the]] user [[input]] inputs.

23.   (Currently amended) The [[IPG]] networked television schedule system of claim 1, wherein the second network further comprising comprises a second database electrically coupled to the second network and accessible from the IPG by the processor for providing advertisements.

24.   (Currently amended) The [[IPG]] networked television schedule system of claim 1, wherein further comprising: a second database electrically coupled to the second network further comprises a second database and accessible from the IPG for storing wherein the processor is further configured to:

store television schedule information for television programs on the second database;

means for retrieving a retrieve stored television schedule information associated with a television program from the second database; and

~~means for storing~~ store the television program

associated with the retrieved television schedule information

~~program~~ in the storage device.

25. (Currently amended) A method for displaying an

interactive program guide (IPG) comprising the steps of:

storing television schedule information in a

database ~~electrically coupled to~~ included on a first network;

accessing the database using a processor

included on a second network to display a portion of the

television schedule information in a guide format on a

display monitor ~~electrically coupled to a~~ included on the

second network, wherein the second network ~~is in~~

~~communication~~ communicates with the first network over a

global computer network;

receiving user inputs via an input device

~~electrically coupled to~~ included on the second network;

tuning a television tuner ~~electrically coupled~~

~~to~~ included on the second network to a television program

selected from the displayed television schedule information;

and

controlling a storage device ~~electrically~~

~~coupled to~~ included on the second network for storing a

television program selected from the displayed television

schedule information and received from a distribution

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facility in communication with the second network via a communications path other than the global computer network.

26. (Currently amended) The method of claim 25, wherein the ~~first network~~ global computer network is the Internet.

27. (Original) The method of claim 25, wherein the second network is a home network.

28. (Canceled)

29. (Original) The method of claim 26, wherein the accessing step comprises accessing the database via a web site.

30. (Original) The method of claim 25, wherein the storage device is a VCR.

31. (Original) The method of claim 25, wherein the storage device is a digital storage device.

32. (Original) The method of claim 25, wherein the selected television program is a future television program.

33. (Original) The method of claim 25, wherein the selected television program is a current television program.

34. (Currently amended) The method of claim 25 further comprising the step of displaying previews of upcoming programs from a second database ~~electrically coupled to~~ included on the second network and accessible from the IPG.

35. (Original) The method of claim 25 further comprising the step of displaying an icon for establishing a link to a product database for purchasing a product.

36. (Currently amended) The method of claim 25 further comprising the step of displaying an icon within the television schedule guide for establishing a link to a service provider database for information independent of [[the]] a user's program choice.

37. (Currently amended) The method of claim 25 further comprising the step of automatically searching the first network and providing pointers to locations in the first network based on preferences of [[the]] a user.

38. (Currently amended) The method of claim 25 further comprising the steps of learning from previous user choices and customizing the display of the television schedule guide for each particular user.

39.   (Original) The method of claim 26 further comprising the steps of establishing a link to a chatroom Internet site related to a selected program and entering the chatroom.

40.   (Original) The method of claim 25 further comprising the step of providing information about a particular future program wherein, the information includes one or more of a picture, video, and descriptive text.

41.   (Currently amended) The method of claim 25 further comprising the steps of:

storing television schedule information for television programs in a second database ~~electrically coupled to~~ included on the second network and accessible from the IPG;

retrieving [[a]] stored television schedule information associated with a television program from the second database; and

storing the television program associated with the retrieved television schedule information ~~program~~ in the storage device.

42.   (Currently amended) A networked television schedule system comprising:

a database ~~accessible via the Internet~~ included on a first network for storing television schedule information;

a television tuner ~~electrically coupled to a network, wherein the network is in communication with the Internet~~ included on a second network that communicates with the first network via a public network;

a storage device ~~electrically coupled to the network~~ included on the second network for storing television programs ~~received from the network~~; and

a processor ~~electrically coupled to the network programmed for~~ included on the second network configured to:

~~accessing~~ access the database to receive and display a portion of the television schedule information on a display monitor, wherein the portion of the television schedule information is received over the public network and

~~for controlling~~ control the storage device to store ~~via the network~~ a television program selected from the displayed television schedule information.

43. (Currently amended) The system of claim 41, wherein the second network is a home network.

44. (Currently amended) The system of claim 41, wherein the <u>first network and the second</u> network ~~is a part~~ <u>are both parts</u> of the Internet.

45. (Original) The system of claim 41, wherein the database is accessible via a web site.

46. (Original) The system of claim 41, wherein the storage device is a digital storage device.

47. (Original) The system of claim 41, wherein the selected television program is a future television program.